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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, CACO

From: Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region

Subject: Dune Shacks of the Peaked Hill Bars Historic District and Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) determination

This afternoon we received the final TCP determination for the Dune Shacks of the Peaked Hill Bars Historic District located in Provincetown and Truro, Massachusetts from the Keeper of the National Register (Keeper). The Keeper has made the decision that the Dune Shacks do not meet the definition of a TCP. Attached is a full copy of the Keeper's final decision. I know that regardless of the decision that you and your staff are committed to the long-term protection of the Historic District and the Dune Shacks.

I appreciate the fact that you and your staff have been working with the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission to develop a long-term management plan that will provide for the protection of the Historic District and the Dune Shacks, and that you have committed to develop this plan in consultation with the local towns and interested parties. As you know it will be important for the plan to recognize the elements that made the District eligible for listing on the National Register as well as the values highlighted in Dr. Wolfe's ethnographic report. As you work together on this plan remember that it must be sustainable, and in compliance with applicable federal law and NPS policies. It is important that the plan clearly state the goals and action items for the Dune Shacks so that it provides clear direction for future NPS managers, dune shack dwellers, users and advocates.

Please share this information with your community partners and members of the public. I look forward to hearing updates on the progress of the subcommittee as it is established and the progress of the plan.

cc: Acting Associate Regional Director, Resource, Stewardship and Science